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Barbados

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Barbados due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 6 months.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[1] (246) 227-4000; US Embassy in Bridgetown, Wilkey Business Park, St. Michael BB 14006, Barbados, WI

Telephone Code

246

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 115, 119; Fire: 113, 119; Police: 112, 119

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (June to October)

Currency (Code)

Barbadian dollars (BBD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

115 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, B (2 flat blades)



Major Languages

English, Bajan Creole

Religions

Protestant 66.4%, Roman Catholic 3.8%, other Christians 5.4%, Rastafarian 1%, other 1.5%, none 20.6%, unspecified 1.2%

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, traveler will need to present their US driver's license & IDP to local police to pay a special registration fee

Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	St. Nicholas Abbey; Barbados Wildlife Reserve; Farley Hill National Park; Hunte's Gardens; dozens of excellent white sand beaches; Andromeda Botanic Gardens
Major Sports	Soccer, cricket
Cultural Practices	Wearing military style clothing is considered rude or strange.
Tipping Guidelines	A service charge of 10-15% is typically added to your bill at hotels and restaurants. Additional tipping is at your discretion and should reflect the quality of service you received. The standard tipping is approximately 10%. Always agree on the fare with the taxi driver before starting the trip. Tip bellhops \$1 (USD) per bag and housekeeping \$2 (USD) per room per day.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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